

Why an El Dorado Trail Resolution is Necessary

- **Provide consistency of trail maps 2010 & 2012**

The 2010 El Dorado County Bicycle Transportation Master Plan shows the full length of the existing El Dorado Trail (Natural Trail and Class I Trail) from Camino to the western County line. The 2012 El Dorado County Parks and Trail Master Plan shows the El Dorado Trail (C4) as existing between the western County line and Latrobe and from Diamond Springs east. Between Latrobe and Diamond Springs, it is shown as proposed.

- **Enhance fund raising**

Traditionally volunteers have provided maintenance on the natural trail. A clearly designated map of the current status will facilitate seeking grant funds, private funding and interest in possible adopt-a-trail programs. Funds would be used to continue basic trail maintenance, provide better signage, planning and other County desired projects.

- **Early Planning documents acknowledge the natural trail**

The County's 1990 Hiking and Equestrian Master Plan recognized a trail in what is now the SPTC. This is also confirmed in the 2000 SPTC County staff report- SPTC Master Plan.

- **The section of the trail in question has been used by residents for years**

As stated above, the trail has been used for years and is currently used by thousands of residents each year. The most common use of the natural trail is pedestrian, followed by mountain bikers, and equestrians. The natural trail is also popular with geo-cashers and local high school cross country and mountain bike teams.

- **Resolution is consistent with Board of Supervisors votes since 2007**

July 17, 2007 the Board opined in a vote that the primary usage for the SPTC was for trails. In its March 28, 2011 meeting, the Board voted for a priority map showing from the County line to Mother Lode Drive as multi-use trails, Mother Lode Drive to Missouri Flat Road as trails and train and east of Missouri Flat Road for existing Class I Trail.

- **Insures County parks and trails rules apply to the entire County operated trail**

County park rules apply to County trails by definition. These rules regulate such things as bike speeds, open and closed hours and other rules to facilitate a safe and enjoyable experience by visitors. An inconsistent definition of the trail calls into question the enforceability of the park rules.

- **Usage of the El Dorado Trail is recognized and encouraged by local businesses**

The west slope of the County has four bicycle shops plus other businesses that benefit from trail use. These businesses promote use of the trail and the County should do what it can to facilitate this promotion.